

The Mobile Data Users Group (MDUG) is an self-sustained organization of Public Safety and Enterprise wireless data professionals, with the charter to promote the exchange of information and experience across its member base. Its membership primarily consists of city, county, and statewide IT and radio communications directors and managers who report directly into network decision makers for their jurisdictions. They serve a broad constituency of public safety, public works, utilities, and enterprise users with network, device and application solutions. MDUG also works closely with allied voice and dispatch user groups that serve similar constituencies.

The following are results of a survey conducted across MDUG and also the allied voice and dispatch user groups serving US Public Safety. The total of respondents was 51.

1. Do you agree with the following statement:

FirstNet must provide key public safety capabilities: Comprehensive coverage, dynamic priority & pre-emption, reliability (redundancy and site hardening), capacity, and security. These are not assured today by commercial operators, and will be necessary to attract public safety and secondary users to the FirstNet network.

Yes 96%  
No 4%

2. Do you agree with the following statement:

Public Safety broadband spectrum, core, and site resources must be dedicated to FirstNet users— so that capacity and coverage are available under worst-case conditions such as weather disasters or emergency incidents.

Yes 92%  
No 8%

3. Do you agree with the following statement:

We urge the NTIA to allow early deployment operators to proceed ASAP. This will leverage investments made to date, provide cycles of learning, and build a base of subscribers on the network.

Yes 76%  
No 24%

4. Do you agree with the following statement:

FirstNet should provide States an appropriate degree of decision-making authority with respect to the implementation of the network, including control of network resources that handle local data traffic, and local control of network access and priority.

Yes 88%  
No 12%

5. Do you agree with the following statement:

FirstNet should allow States to structure partnerships with local critical infrastructure providers to build, use, operate and maintain local LTE networks.

Yes 86%

No 14%

6. Do you agree with the following statement:

We urge states to develop and publish a detailed process to integrate early deployed networks into the overall future FirstNet architecture.

Yes 86%

No 14%

7. Do you agree with the following statement:

We urge NTIA and states to allow early deployed networks to continue to expand the useful coverage area of any installed network to include other regional partners.

Yes 78%

No 22%

Those Public Safety network providers and managers that chose to be named as participating in this survey are:

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